## **ABSTRACT**

A sheet feeder in an image forming apparatus of this invention is provided with special sheet ribs for controlling both sides of special sheet on a sheet guide provided between a manual sheet supply tray and aligning rollers. This is to satisfactorily guide ordinary sheet and special sheet such as post card supplied from manual sheet supply trays to aligning rollers which conveys sheet vertically. When special sheet is conveyed, the sheet is inserted between the special sheet ribs to prevent skew. When ordinary sheet is conveyed, the sheet is passed above the upper surface of the special ribs so as to prevent generation of defective image caused by bending of sheet.

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